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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between 6th Army Group and 12th Army Group: As before to MEININGEN H8922 - thence COBURG 03089 - BAYREUTH 07556 (all to 12th Army Gp)!

Boundary between Third and First Armies: As before to SOMMERDA J3689 - thence ECKARTSBERGA J6787 (both to Third Army) - KOSEN J7889 - NAUMBERG J8491 - STOSSEN J9387 (all to First Army) - ZEITE K0881 (to Third Army) - FROHBURG K3783 (to First Army) - GEITHAIN K4784 - DOBELN K7693 (both to Third Army) - MEISSEN F0009 (to First Army).

Boundary between First and Ninth Armies: As before to ZELLERFELD C7960 - thence ELBINGERODE D1157 - BLANKENBURG D2259 - QUEDLINBURG D3560 - GUSTEN D6762 - AKEN D9670 (all to First Army).

Boundary between Third and Fifteenth Armies: Vicinity L0297 thence FRAWENKRON L0798 - KRONENBURG L1097 (both to Fifteenth Army) - GLAADT L1695 (to Third Army) - RIPS DORF L2399 - HUNGERS DORF F2500 - UDELHOVEN L3097 - DANKERATH L3593 (all to Fifteenth Army) - BAULER L3891 (to Third Army) - MULLENBACH L4191 - BRUCK L4691 - NACHTSHEIM L5291 - LUXEM L5591 - REUDELSTERZ L5891 - MAYEN L6392 - TRIMBS L6891 (all to Fifteenth Army) - METTERNICH L8696 (to Third Army) - junction RHINE and MOSELLE Rivers vicinity L9096. Excluded is the area: Bounded on the north by the former First Army-Fifteenth Army boundary east of DUREN F1145; and on the south by DUREN F1145 - KREUZAU F1139 - EMBKEN F1832 - SINZENICH F2329 - WISSKIRCHEN F2928 - STOTZHEIM F3426 - SCHWEINHEIM F3824 - WORMERS DORF F4723 - GELSDORF F5021 - LANTERSHOFEN F5418 - HEIMERSHEIM F6016 - WESTUM F6415 - EICH F7203 - (all to First Army) - MIESENHEIM F7700 (to Fifteenth Army) - RHINE River vicinity F8002 - thence south of the junction of the RHINE and MOSELLE Rivers vicinity L9096.

Boundary between XVI and XIX Corps: Beginning at the confluence of the RHINE and LIPPE Rivers vicinity A2139 - then along the LIPPE River to railroad B4342 - thence along railroad to inter army boundary vicinity B5339.

Rear boundary Fifteenth Army: Beginning intersection of the boundary between Fifteenth Army and Ninth Army with the German international boundary (1939) vicinity K9084 - thence south along international boundary to vicinity L0297.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (081200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With 9th Zouaves and CC2 1st Fr Armd Div atchd). Attacked east on a three-mile front and gained up to four miles. The 126th Infantry captured STUPFERICH R5639, PALMBACH R5439 and BUSENBACH R5337. Combat Command "2" captured REICHENBACH R5436. The 9th Zouaves held the road from the vicinity of R4938 to MORSCH R4040 in the HARDT WALD and repulsed two counterattacks. Front line change: R4736 - REICHENBACH R5436 - BUSENBACH R5337 - PALMBACH R5439 - STUPFERICH R5639.

I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Attacked south and southeast, gained up to four miles on a thirteen-mile front and captured WILFERDINGEN R6138. The 5th Moroccan TIRAILLEURS reached the ENZ River between EUTINGEN R7335 and MUEHLHAUSEN R8438 (both incl), crossed into DURRMENZ R8038 and repulsed a counterattack there. Front line change: UNTER MUTSCHELBACH R5838 - WILFERDINGEN R6138 - ERSINGEN R6637 and EUTINGEN R7335 - ENZBERG R7838 - DURRMENZ R8038 - MUEHLHAUSEN R8438. 5th French Armored Division. Combat Command "4" attacked south through the 2d Moroccan



Division, gained up to three miles on a four-mile front and entered ISPRINGEN R6835 and PFORZHEIM R7033. EUTINGEN R7435 was captured. Combat Command "6" attacked southeast, gained up to six miles and captured ILLINGEN R8640. Combat Command "5" attacked southeast, gained up to three miles on a four-mile front and captured LAUFFEN S0353 and BONNIGHEIM R9949. Front line change: ISPRINGEN R6835 - PFORZHEIM R7033 - EUTINGEN R7435 and ILLINGEN R8640 and BONNIGHEIM R9949 - LAUFFEN S0353. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Attacked east on a six-mile front, gained up to six miles and reached HOHENHASLACH R9445. The 1st Group of Moroccan Tabors were attached and reached the northern edge of GUNDELBACH R8844. Front line change: GUNDELBACH R8844 - R9045 - R9246 - HOHENHASLACH R9445 - CLEEBRONN R9550.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th Division. No change. 103d Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BENSHEIM M6420 at 080830B.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Completed a bridge across the NECKAR River in the vicinity of HEILBRONN S0861, where heavy house-to-house fighting continued. 63d Division. The 254th Infantry mopped up behind Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "R" of the 10th Armored Division in the vicinity of S4687. The 255th Infantry captured WIDDERN S2281 and attacked across the JAGST River on a three and one-half mile front. Front line change: WIDDERN S2281 - S2781 - S3083 - S3284. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of CRAILSHEIM S7062. Combat Command "B" kept open the main supply routes to the north. Combat Command "A" attacked west and reached CROFFELBACH S5264, an advance of eleven miles. Front line change: CROFFELBACH S5264.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. The 12th Infantry attacked south on a seven-mile front and gained up to five miles. Front line change: N5404 - N5602 - N5901 - N6505. 12th Armored Division. (Less CCA). Combat Command "A" was attached to the 42d Division. Combat Command "B" assembled in the vicinity of N3026 and Combat Command "R" assembled in the vicinity of N3115. 42d Division. (With CCA 12th Armd Div atchd). The division attacked north with Combat Command "A" on its right and gained up to seven miles on a thirteen-mile front. Front line change: N7445 - N7355 - N7153 - N6355 - N5755 - N5251 - N5243.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Attacked east on an eighteen-mile front, gained up to fifteen miles and reached BAD KISSINGEN N6780, NEUSTADT N7694 and BISCHOFSSHEIM H6102. Front line change: N6276 - N6779 - BAD KISSINGEN N6780 - N7085 - N6788 - N6789 - N6880 - N7393 - NEUSTADT N7694 - BISCHOFSSHEIM H6102. 45th Division. Attacked northeast and gained up to eleven miles on a four-mile front. Front line change: H5708 - H6114 - H6513 - H7016 - H6417 - H4922. 44th Division. The division, less the 324th Infantry, assembled in the vicinity of H4420. The 324th Infantry moved into the VI Corps area. 106th Cavalry Group. Passed through the 45th Division and had units on the line H8206 - H8310 - H8513 - H8013.

21 ARMY GROUP. SPECIAL AIR SERVICES. Two battalions of French SAS dropped during the night 7/8 April in the general areas of V2060, V1080, Z9060 and captured WESTERBORK V2473.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII British Corps. 6th Airborne Division. (With 15th Ren Regt atchd). The 15th Reconnaissance Regiment seized two bridges over the LEINE River intact; one at BORDENAU X1831 and one in the vicinity of X2027. One battalion crossed the bridge at BORDENAU and secured a small bridgehead. The 3d Parachute Brigade moved north to reinforce the 11th Armored Division. Front line change: X2027 - BORDENAU X1831. 11th Armored Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atchd). The 29th Armored Brigade attacked northeast on a five-mile front, gained up to nineteen miles and reached RODEWALD X1853. The 159th Brigade passed through the 6th Airborne Division bridge at BORDENAU X1831, advanced ten miles northeast and reached HELSTORF X2545. Front line change: X1831 - HELSTORF X2545 - X2445 - X2451 - RODEWALD X1853 - LADERHOLZ X1849 - X1343 - LINSBURG X0645 - HUSUN X0242 - W9436. 15th Division. (Less the 15th Ren Regt and with the 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Concentrated in the general area of W7025.

XII British Corps. 7th British Armored Division. (With 155th and 160th Bdes atchd). Continued to attack north and northwest against stiffening enemy resistance. Made gains up to nine miles on a forty-mile front and captured RIEDE W8186. The 160th Brigade was attached to the division and assembled in the vicinity of V9272. Front line change: W9363 - W9572 - W9683 - W9485 - W8686 - W8387 - RIEDE W8186 - W7182 - BASSUM W6672 - TWISTRINGEN W6167 - HEILIGENLOH W5564 - BARNSTORF W5257 - W5055 - KORNAU W4953. 53d Division. (Loss the 160th Bde). Attacked north and reached the line of the EMS-WESER Canal on a twenty-mile front. Front line change: W2922 - V9917. 52d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). The 160th Brigade (53d Div) was relieved from attachment and attached to the 7th Armored Division. The 52d Division attacked north on a twelve-mile front and gained up to four miles against moderate opposition. Captured SCHAPEN V8723, HALVERDE V9524 and VOLTAGE W0026. Front line change: W0019 - W0622 - W0625 - VOLTAGE W0026 - V8923 - V8623 - V8625 - SCHAPEN V8723.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. Cleared the enemy from the western bank of the EMS River within the corps sector. The 154th Brigade moved into the bridgehead over the DORTMUND-EMS Canal in the vicinity of V7134, attacked south and gained up to one mile on a one and one-half mile front. Front line change: V7328 - V7529. Guards Armored Division. Attacked northeast, gained up to eight and one-half miles on a five-mile front and reached DALUM V9939, which was strongly held by the enemy. Front line change: V9236 - FURSTENAU V9535 - DALUM V9939 - W0347 - W0449 - PERGE W0047 - V9547 - V9343. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). The 214th Brigade attacked north, gained up to eight miles on a four-mile front and reached HAMM V8051. Front line change: V8341 - V8348 - V8250 - V8252 - HAMM V8051 - V7951 - V7752 - V7748 - V7845 - V7340.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Attacked across the EMS River and captured MEPPEN V7055. The 4th Canadian Armored Brigade passed through the bridgehead, advanced north up to twelve miles and reached LATHEN V7174. Division reconnaissance units reached HAREN V6666 and MEPPEN Z9556. Front line change: MEPPEN V7055 - LATHEN V7174 - HAREN V6666 - V5861 and V1154 - V0558 - MEPPEN Z9556 - V0352. 2d Canadian Division. (With 1st Cdn Rcn Regt atchd). Attacked north and gained up to five miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: V1008 - V1009 - V0810 - V0613 - V0514 - V0512 - V0609 - V0608. 3d Canadian Division. Captured ZUTPHEN E9494 and made small gains to the north. Front line change: Z9706 - Z9806 - Z9807 - Z9706 - Z9506. 1st Polish Armored Division. The division was attached to II Canadian Corps.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (8 April). Eighth Air Force: 1,223 heavy bombers sortied on targets in the general area LEIPZIG E2214 - NUREMBURG O4200. 1,184 aircraft dropped 3,179.3 tons of general purpose and 615.9 tons of incendiary bombs on ten primary and two secondary targets. 10 bombers were lost. 750 fighter aircraft escorted the bomber operations. 1 fighter was lost. Claims included 3 enemy aircraft. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: 612 medium bombers attacked the marshalling yard at CELLE X5851, a fuel storage depot at MUNCHEN Y8557 and several other targets. 1 bomber was lost. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,381 fighter/fighter bomber sorties in support of the bomber operations and on fighter/fighter bomber sweeps. 5 fighters were lost. Claims included 62 enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground, 555 motor transports, 184 railroad cars and 39 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Mostly clear, but overcast of fog and low clouds at dawn in the north, breaking to small amounts after 1200B. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles in the south, but less than 1,000 yards in fog in north at dawn, becoming over 6 miles by 1200B. Wind: 5 mph, northeast. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 62° F. Minimum 34° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. (Army Troops). 13th Armored Division. Attached to the XVIII Airborne Corps (First Army) and began to assemble in the vicinity of GIERSHAUSEN F8631. 70th Division. No change. 11th Infantry. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. (With the 2d Cav Gp atchd). Held the line H9017 - H9918. The 2d Cavalry Group made contact with units of the Seventh Army in the vicinity of H8908 - H9014 - H9612 - H9910. 11th Armored Division. Captured ROTH JO503 and BEDHEIM JO702 after having advanced five miles south on a two-mile front. Opposition was light to moderate. Front line change: JO312 - ROTH JO503 - BEDHEIM JO702 - JO806. 26th Division. Gained four miles east on an eight-mile front. Opposition was light. Front line change: J1515 - J1616 - J1920 - J1825 - J1927. 90th Division. Encountered little opposition during a one-mile advance to the east. Front line change: J1928 and J2033 - J1633 - J1237.

VIII Corps. 89th Division. Advanced one mile south on a two-mile front against moderate opposition and captured WOLFIS J1450. Front line change: WOLFIS J1450. 65th Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of BERKA H6462.

XX Corps. 80th Division. The 319th Infantry closed in the vicinity of GOTHA JO965. 6th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" advanced four miles north on a two and one-half mile front and captured WIESENFELD H6599. Resistance was moderate. Front line change: WIESENFELD H6599 - C6403 - C6201. 76th Division. The 304th Infantry gained three miles east on a two-mile front from the vicinity of LANCENSALZA JO382. Other units captured DINGELSTADT C8005 after advancing two miles. Units on the division left advanced one mile north on an eight-mile front. Resistance considerably decreased on the division front during the past two days. Only moderate resistance was encountered during this period. Front line change: J1083 - JO886 and DINGELSTADT C8005 and H6997 - C5600. 3d Cavalry Group. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of H4495.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 5th Division. (Less the 11th Inf). Attached to III Corps. Closed in the vicinity of B5206 and then attacked through the right (north) flank of the 9th Division and gained five miles west on a two-mile front. Front line change: B3605 - B4003.

V Corps. 69th Division. Captured a bridge intact over the LEINE River in the vicinity of C5313. Advanced ten miles east on a four-mile front against very light resistance. HOHENGANDERN C5310 was captured. Front line change: HOHENGANDERN C5310 - C6010 - C5713 - C5716. 2d Division. Captured GOTTINGEN C5228 and a bridge over the LEINE River intact near the town. A gain of twelve miles east on a seven-mile front was made. Front line change: C6618 - C6820 - C7327. 9th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of C4112.

VII Corps. 104th Division. (Less the 414th Inf and with the 4th Cav Gp atchd). Gained four miles east on an eight-mile front through sporadic artillery fire. Front line change: C4130 - C3437 - C3241. 3d Armored Division. (With the 414th Inf atchd). Attacked through the 104th Division in an easterly direction and advanced eight miles against light resistance. Front line change: C4633 - C4237. 1st Division. Established a bridgehead over the WESER River to a depth of four miles on a six-mile front in the vicinity of C1449. Front line change: C2243 - C1944 - C1748 - C1651.

III Corps. 9th Division. Gained two miles west on a six-mile front against initially heavy but decreasing resistance. Front line change: B4602 - B4400 - G4399 - G4393 - G4291. 7th Armored Division. Advanced three miles west over difficult terrain. Front line change: G3688 - G3587. 99th Division. Advanced one mile on the division front and captured SAALHSN G3080. Front line change: G3385 - G3283 - SAALHSN G3080.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Advanced five miles west on a four-mile front against moderate resistance from self-propelled gun fire. Front line change: G1767 - G1862 - G1561. 78th Division. Gained three miles north on a fourteen-mile front. Resistance was light, but terrain exceedingly difficult. Front line change: G1056 - G0856 - G0657 - G0356 - G0055 - F9656 - F9355 - F8857. 97th Division. (With 341st Inf atchd). Attacked against light resistance and gained four and one-half miles on a twelve-mile front. Front line change: F8553 - F7849 - F7449 - F6944. 86th Division. (Less the 341st Inf). Attacked on the corps right flank and gained seven miles west on a four-mile front. Resistance was light but the

division advance was hindered by abrupt terrain. Front line change: G2576 - G2470.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 29th Division. No change.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. (Loss the 194th Gli Inf). Crossed the RHEIN-HERNE Canal in the vicinity of A4623 and secured a bridgehead two miles deep on a four-mile front. Opposition to the crossing was light. Front line change: A4621 - A4720 - A4920. 79th Division. Advanced two and one-half miles south on a four-mile front. Opposition was light. Front line change: A5019 - A5119 - A5218 - A5318 - A5419 - A5519 - A5522. 75th Division. (With the 320th Inf atchd). Repelled a small counterattack and then gained two miles south on a five-mile front against heavy resistance. Front line change: A7025 - A7233 - A7623.

XIX Corps. 95th Division. Attached to the XVI Corps. Advanced three miles west on a ten-mile front. Opposition was light. Front line change: A0840 - B0237 - B0530 - B0730 - B1029. 8th Armored Division. (With the 194th Gli Inf atchd). Attached to the XVI Corps. Advanced one and one-half miles south on a three-mile front. The 194th Glider Infantry gained three miles southeast and made contact with III Corps units in the vicinity of B3806. Front line change: B0923 - B1721 and B3810 - B3806. 83d Division. Advanced south a distance of six miles and captured HOLZMINDEN C1760, passed through the town and reached positions two and one-half miles to the south thereof. Other units of the division expanded the bridgehead over the LEINE River six miles on a nine-mile front. Front line change: C1856 - C5264 and C5570 - C5777 - C5180 - C4479. 2d Division. (With the 119th Inf atchd). Captured HILDESHEIM C5197. 30th Division. (Less the 119th Inf). Consolidated positions behind the advance of the 2d Armored Division. 15th Cavalry Group. Attached to XVI Corps. 113th Cavalry Group. Occupied the area C4261 - C5064. Front line change: C4261 - C5064.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Captured SPRINGE X2402. The division gained twenty-five miles in an easterly direction despite heavy artillery fire. Front line change: X3403 - X4416. 84th Division. Gained eleven miles east and crossed the LEINE River in the vicinity of X2126. Resistance was light. Front line change: X3012 - X2828. 11th Cavalry Group. Captured a bridge over the LEINE River intact in the vicinity of X2126.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops): 474th Infantry (non divisional). No change. 106th Division, 66th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 082400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	69,128	282,387	36,119	9,655	397,289
Non-battle					295,328
			Total Casualties		692,617

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group

6th Army Group Tac
XV Corps
I French Corps
3d Division
45th Division
103d Division
10th Armored Division
14th Armored Division
5th French Armored Division

HEIDELBERG R6990
BAD BRUCKENAU N4391
MOLSHEIM V8293
SCHONDRA N5187
GERSFELD H5508
BENSHEIM M6320
ASSAMSTADT S4193
N5567
KNITTLINGEN R7447

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VIII Corps	W9828
XII Corps	KIRCHDORF W7444
51st Division	V7035
52d Division	V9819
3d Canadian Division	Z9903
11th British Armored Division	X1443
4th Canadian Armored Division	V6352
6th Airborne Division	X1029

12th Army Group

XII Corps	MEININGEN H9022
2d Division	C4024
5th Division	B5206
29th Division	A7852
30th Division	C1191
69th Division	C4707
71st Division	H9022
76th Division	H6290
83d Division	C3071
84th Division	W8206
87th Division	H9343
89th Division	H9859
95th Division	B2630
102d Division	B4789
8th Armored Division	B2630
11th Armored Division	JO415

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